

At its meeting of February 24, 1997, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by David McNeil for the Executive Committee.

**A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING PRESIDENT CARET'S PRUDENT HANDLING OF RECENT EVENTS
RELATED TO ROTC**

- Whereas, The Academic Senate of San Jose State University has previously resolved that discrimination on any basis, including that based on sexual orientation, is deplorable and inconsistent with the academic principles of equal opportunity and respect for human dignity (SS-S91-3); and
- Whereas, In its resolution F94-1 the Academic Senate has affirmed a policy of non-discrimination, as distinct from a policy or practice of being "anti-ROTC" or "anti-military"; and
- Whereas, In resolution F94-1 the Senate found that campus ROTC programs, because of their discriminatory practices against the homosexual community, are in violation of the California State University policy of non-discrimination; and
- Whereas, Resolution F94-1 led to a campus plan to phase-out Air Force ROTC, which for the moment remains available to SJSU students; and
- Whereas, The "Solomon Amendment" to Public Law 104-208, the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997, is understood to threaten Department of Defense funding of research at San Jose State University in unspecified ways; and
- Whereas, We have recently learned that Pell Grants and other federal student loans will not be affected, and that other federal financial aid programs are probably not threatened (although other federal funding may be affected in unknown ways); and
- Whereas, San Jose State University President Robert Caret has assured the campus community that we are seeking additional information about the likely effects of maintaining our non-discrimination policies, including our intention to discontinue the University's ROTC program; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University declares that SJSU is neither "anti-ROTC" nor "anti-military" and is interested in exploring ways for its students to participate in ROTC so long as applicable non-discrimination policies are respected; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University supports President Robert Caret in his gathering of relevant information and pursuit of possible legal and other options and/or appropriate actions to protect the University.